BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation against:)))	
SHELTON E. SHARPE, M.D.)	File No. D1-1991-8396
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 51390))	
Respondent)	

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2003

IT IS SO ORDERED May 8, 2003

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Ronald H. Wender, M.D.

Chair, Panel B

Division of Medical Quality

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. D1-1991-8396	
12	SHELTON E. SHARPE, M.D.		
13		STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
14	Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G51390	- AS SELECTION OF THE S	
15	Respondent.		
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18	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with		
19	the public interest and the responsibility of the Divis		
20	California (the "Division"), the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and		
21	Disciplinary Order which will be submitted to the Division for its approval and adoption as the		
22	final disposition of the Accusation.		
23	<u>PARTIES</u>		
24	1. Ron Joseph ("complainant") is the Executive Director of the Medical		
25	Board of California (the "Board"). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is		
26	represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Jane		
27	Zack Simon, Deputy Attorney General.		
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2. Respondent Shelton E. Sharpe, M.D. ("respondent") is represented by the Law Offices of James Jay Seltzer in this proceeding.

3. At all times relevant herein, respondent has been licensed by the Board under Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G51390. Respondent's license was disciplined by the Board on June 13, 1994, and she was placed on probation for two years. Respondent moved to Georgia in 1994, thereby tolling her California Medical Board probation effective October 1, 1994. Respondent's California license is currently on probationary status.

<u>JURISDICTION</u>

4. Accusation No. D1-1991-8396 was filed before the Division, and is currently pending against respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on respondent. Respondent filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. D1-1991-8396 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, discussed with counsel and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. D1-1991-8396. Respondent has also carefully read, discussed with counsel and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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- 8. Respondent admits that the Board has jurisdiction in this matter and that this disciplinary action was properly brought pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 141 and 2305.
- 9. The admissions made by respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- Respondent understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by respondent or her counsel. Respondent further agrees that she shall not be entitled to view or copy any of the written communications with the Board referred to above. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation as its decision, the stipulation shall be of no force or effect, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. All of the provisions, including any admissions, along with the terms and conditions of the prior Stipulation, Decision and Order issued by the Board effective June 13, 1994, shall be incorporated into this Stipulation, including but not limited to the condition set forth in paragraph 4 of the Order below.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Division may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No.

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G51390 issued to respondent Shelton E. Sharpe, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

Within 15 days after the effective date of this decision the respondent shall provide the Division, or its designee, proof of service that respondent has served a true copy of this decision on the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to respondent or at any other facility where respondent engages in the practice of medicine and on the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier where malpractice insurance coverage is extended to respondent.

1. PRESCRIBING PRACTICES COURSE Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall, at her own expense, enroll in the University of California at San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program ("PACE Program") Physician Prescribing Course.

Respondent shall complete the PACE Program no later than six months after her initial enrollment unless the Division or its designee agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

If respondent successfully completes the Physician Prescribing Course, she will have the Physician Prescribing Course representatives forward a Certification of Successful Completion of the program to the Division or its designee.

2. <u>CONTROLLED DRUGS- MAINTAIN RECORD</u> Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled substances prescribed, dispensed or administered by respondent during probation, showing all of the following: 1) the name and address of the patient, 2) the date, 3) the character and quantity of the controlled substances involved, and 4) the indications and diagnoses for which the controlled substance was furnished.

Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, and shall make them available for inspection and copying by the Division or its designee, upon request. Respondent shall also make the drug log available to her practice monitor.

3. PRACTICE MONITOR Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice in which respondent's practice shall be monitored by another physician in respondent's field of practice, who shall provide periodic reports to the Division or its designee. The practice monitor shall review respondent's controlled substance records as described in this Stipulation, and shall include in his/her report to the Division a statement whether respondent's prescribing appears to have been appropriate.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, respondent shall, within fifteen (15) days, move to have new monitor appointed, through nomination by respondent and approval by the Division or its designee. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with the monitor.

- 4. <u>ETHICS COURSE</u> Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Division for its prior approval a course in Ethics, which respondent shall successfully complete during the first year of probation.
- 5. <u>SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u> During probation, respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants.
- 6. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u> Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.
- 7. **QUARTERLY REPORTS** Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of his business and residence addresses which shall both serve as addresses of record. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Division. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

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Respondent shall, at all times, maintain a current and renewed physician's and surgeon's license.

Respondent shall also immediately inform the Division, in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) days.

9. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, ITS DESIGNEE OR ITS</u> **DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN(S)** Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Division, its designee or its designated physician(s) upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

IN-STATE NON-PRACTICE In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason should respondent stop practicing medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within ten (10) days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty (30) days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California or of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary order.

If respondent exceeds the designated five (5) year probation term, she will be considered in violation of probation, and respondent stipulates and agrees that her license will be revoked on that basis.

- 11. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.
- 12. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Division, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke

probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

13. COST RECOVERY The respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Division the amount of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars) within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this decision for its investigative and prosecution costs. Failure to reimburse the Division's cost of investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of the probation order, unless the Division agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial

hardship. The filing of bankruptcy by the respondent shall not relieve the respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the Division for its investigative and prosecution costs.

14. **PROBATION COSTS** Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Division, which are currently set at \$2,874.00, but may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Division of Medical Quality and delivered to the designated probation surveillance monitor no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Failure to pay costs within 30 days of the due date shall constitute a violation of probation.

15. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may voluntarily tender his certificate to the Board. The Division reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, respondent will not longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California.

DATED: March 31 2003

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Shelton E. Sharpe, Jr. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

Order. I approve jes form and content.

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JAMES JAY SELTZER Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is bereby respectfully: submitted for consideration by the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California.

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15	Physician and Surgeon's) Certificate No. G 51390,		
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16	Respondent.)		
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19	The Complainant alleges:		
20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Complainant, Ronald Joseph, is the Executive Director of the Medical		
22	Board of California (hereinafter the "Board") and brings this accusation solely in his official		
23	capacity.		
24	2. On or about October 3, 1983, Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No.		
25	G 51390 was issued by the Board to Shelton E. Sharpe, M.D. (hereinafter "respondent").		
26	Respondent's license was disciplined by the Board on June 13, 1994, and she was placed on		
27	probation for two years. Respondent moved to the State of Georgia in 1994, thereby tolling her		

California Medical Board probation effective October 1, 1994. Respondent's Caifornia certificate is therefore currently on probationary status, and is also currently in delinquent status and expired on July 31, 2001.

JURISDICTION

- 3. This accusation is brought before the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter the "Division"), under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") and/or other relevant statutory enactment:
 - A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period of not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring if probation is imposed.
 - B. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct any licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act, to pay the Board a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.
 - C. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.
 - D. Section 141 of the Code provides:
 - "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action

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taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

- E. Section 14124.12(a) of the Welfare & Institutions Code provides in pertinent part that upon written notice of the Medical Board of California a physician and surgeon's medical license has been placed on probation as a result of a disciplinary action, no Medi-Cal claim for the type of surgical service or invasive procedure giving rise to the probationary order and performed on or after the effective date of said probationary order or during the period of probation shall be reimbursed, except upon a prior determination that compelling circumstances warrant the continuance of reimbursement during the probationary period for procedures other than those giving rise to the probationary order.
- 4. Respondent is subject to discipline within the meaning of section 141 and is guilty of unprofessional conduct within the meaning of section 2305 as more particularly set forth herein below.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed By Another State)

5. On or about July 13, 2001, the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Georgia issued a Public Consent Order disciplining respondent's Georgia license. The Georgia Board found that respondent treated two children, ages 3 and 4, in 1996. Respondent's conduct with regard to the two children departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in that respondent prescribed doses of mellaril at twice the level recommended, failed to consult with a child psychiatrist and/or pediatric neurologist to avoid the potential hazards of excess phenothiazine. Sanctions were imposed on respondent's Georgia license, and she was publicly reprimanded.

Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Public Consent Order of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Georgia, case number 2002-004.

1	6. The discipline imposed by the Georgia board constitutes a violation of section		
2	141 and unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Code section 2305.		
3	<u>PRAYER</u>		
4	WHEREFORE, the complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters		
5	herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Division issue a decision:		
6	1. Revoking or suspending Physician and Surgeon's Certificate Number		
7	G 51390 heretofore issued to respondent Shelton E. Sharpe, M.D.;		
8	2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of the respondent's authority to		
9	supervise physician assistants, pursuant to Code section 3527;		
10	3. Ordering respondent to pay the Division the actual and reasonable costs of		
11	the investigation and enforcement of this case and to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon		
12	order of the Division; and		
13	4. Taking such other and further action as the Division deems necessary and		
14	proper.		
15	DATED: December 28, 2001		
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18	RONALD JOSEPH Executive Director		
19	Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs		
20	State of California		
21	Complainant		
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BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS Board of Medical Examiners

STATE OF GEORGIA

JUL 1 3 2001

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER

SHEL SHARPE, M.D., License No. 20151,

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DOCKET NO. 2002-0004

Respondent.

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and Shel Sharpe, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13 (a) (4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed as such at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board In the Matter of: Shelton E. Sharpe, III, M.D., Docket No. 95-2304 on November 3, 1995 based on a June 1994 stipulation with the Medical Board of California based on her moonlighting while a second-year fellow in child psychiatry. Respondent's license to

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practice medicine in Georgia was placed on probation for two years.

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Respondent treated patients B.H. and C. H., a four year old and a three year old child respectively, during 1996.

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Respondent's conduct regarding patients B. H. and C. H. departed from and failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in that Respondent prescribed doses of Mellaril at twice the level recommended in the Physician's Desk Reference. Respondent also failed to consult with a child psychiatrist and/or pediatric neurologist to avoid the potential hazards of excess phenothiazine. No other findings of wrongful prescribing are made by the Board.

5.

Respondent waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter. The Respondent, however, shall be allowed to submit a written statement to the Board for its investigative file in explanation and mitigation of the matters stated herein for the Board's consideration prior to its review of this Consent Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's license to practice

medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34 T. 43, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia.

1.

Respondent shall utilize a triplicate prescriptions system for all controlled substances that she prescribes. Each prescription for such a controlled substance written by Respondent shall be sequentially numbered and the copies distributed as follows: original to patient, one copy to the Board, and one copy to the patient's chart. Respondent shall not begin renumbering when she reaches 1000, but shall continue to number sequentially. The copies for the Board shall be mailed or delivered to the Board by Respondent once per quarter. A copy of Respondent's dispensing records shall be provided to the Board upon request for all controlled substances dispensed by her or on his order.

Respondent shall personally maintain for inspection a contemporaneous log (separate from her clinical records or the clinical records of other health care providers) of every child or adolescent patient for whom Respondent prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered controlled substances and dangerous drugs, which exceeded the maximum dosage as recommended by the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR) for a person of the patient's age and sex. The log shall include the date, patient name, drug, strength, quantity, and refill status, on a form approved by the Board. The log shall also include the diagnosis and the reasons for prescribing each drug. The Board shall be authorized to inspect Respondent's prescription log.

3.

Respondent may petition to have the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 above terminated after two years; provided that the Respondent has obtained a clinical audit of her medical records, generated since the effective date of this Consent Order, by a physician peer reviewer within the immediately preceding six months of the petition. The clinical audit shall consist of a clinical review of Respondent's patient records related to the patients listed on the log required by paragraph 2 above and shall consist of a minimum of twenty randomly selected patient records. The method for selecting the patient

records to be reviewed and the identity of the physician peer reviewer shall be approved in writing by the Board's Medical Coordinator. The peer reviewer conducting the clinical audit shall submit a written report to the Board and, for each record reviewed, shall opine as to whether Respondent's treatment of the subject patient complied with the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. The report, at a minimum, shall include a brief description of the patient's symptoms, diagnosis, and course of treatment and shall answer the following questions:

- 1. Assuming that the treatment as documented was provided, do you have an opinion as to whether the care rendered by Respondent, including diagnosis, treatment or record keeping, departed from or failed to conform to the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice (in the medical community at large)?
- If the answer to question 1 is yes, what is your opinion?
 Please explain your opinion. If you opined that the practice was below the minimum standard for any reason, state the correct minimal standard of practice.

Respondent acknowledges and agrees that if the peer reviewer opines that Respondent's treatment of any patient identified in the audited records was below the minimum standard of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, the Board, in its discretion, may unilaterally modify this Consent Order to require additional continuing medical education or proficiency testing as it deems appropriate based on the peer review report. This provision does not limit in any way the Board's ability to

take further disciplinary action, after notice and a hearing, based on the peer reviewer's report, if the Board deems it to be necessary for the protection of the public. Respondent further understands and agrees that the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 above will remain in effect until Respondent receives written notice to the contrary from the Board.

4.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a PUBLIC REPRIMAND to the Respondent for Respondent's conduct and shall constitute and may be disseminated as a public order of the Board.

5.

In addition to the continuing medical education ("CME") mandated by law for all Georgia physicians, Respondent shall obtain forty (40) hours of continuing medical education within one year of the effective date of this Consent Order in the area of psychopharmacology for children. Prior to obtaining the CME, Respondent shall submit the title of the course(s) Respondent plans to attend and information concerning the course(s) to the Board's Medical Coordinator for prior approval. Respondent shall submit proof upon completion of each course(s) to the Board.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 30th day shall be considered a violation of this Order, and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

7.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that the Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not

constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter.

Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved, this $\frac{13}{12}$ day of $\frac{1}{12}$, 2001

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

WILLIAM A WOOLERY, D.O., Ph.

President ROGER E. HILL, D.

ATTEST:

KAREN MASON

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 13 day of TUVVL, 2001.

SHEL SHARPE,

Respondent

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: